

# Letters



## Acton citizens fed up with cleaning up after 'nit-wits'

To the Editor.

This is in response to KM Kent's letter of September 12 which states emphatically that "youth in this town are bored, unheard, not understood or respected as their own individuals, and are angry about it!"

Isn't that just too bad!

I would like to state that the citizens of this town are just as angry and fed up with cleaning up after the nit-wits and repairing the damage they do. Mr. Coles was absolutely right in his assessment of vandals as "ill-mannered louts." That is exactly what they are. They are also criminals-in-training.

It is not unusual for young people to feel misunderstood, unappreciated and frustrated, yet hundreds of 'good' kids in this town manage to "express individuality," challenge authority and take youthful risks without committing vandalism and making public nuisances of themselves. I wonder

how it is that they can deal so much more successfully with their growing pains; their boredom and their anger?

If society is to blame for the few youthful jerks who cannot amuse themselves with positive and constructive things to do it is only because society has been far too tolerant and far too lenient for far too long. If society were to stop making excuses for loutish behaviour and enforce consequences for acts of wrong doing, perhaps the ill-mannered louts would learn early that there is a better way to go. Letting kids off the hook without penalty only teaches them that they can get away with and shirk responsibility for what they did, and so probably they can move on to more and worse behaviour.

It has long been a wonderment why there is no longer any restorative quality in the Justice system. It only makes good sense that he who destroys should bear the responsi-

bility of repairing in some way the wrong that he committed against society. Over and over, those who pay the property and business taxes and try to make the town a great place to live are burdened with the annoyances, inconvenience and cost of fixing what a few morons destroy. The 'morons' go scott free! Then insult is added to injury when the paying public is expected to offer appeasement to the offenders by way of providing entertainment for them.

Committing acts of vandalism because "there is nothing to do" and demanding to be entertained seems like terrorism in babyhood. Instead of giving in and trying to appease vandals, it would make more sense to give them something useful to do like hours and hours of community service. Maybe they would learn how to earn the respect that KM Kent claims they crave.

Eileen Hutcheson,  
Acton

## Growing up in Acton forged close ties to Beardmore Co.

To the Editor:

Thank you for the excellent coverage you gave Beardmore Leathers in the Sept 5th edition of The New Tanner.

When I was a boy growing up in Acton, I really looked forward to the Beardmore Christmas party. We had the afternoon off school and more than half the kids in town were at the party, yelling and screaming for Santa to come. I got my first football there one year and wore it out from overuse, playing mainly in the cinder filled Beardmore parking lot.

When I aspired to go to university, I financed much of it by working five summers at Beardmore and when I needed to get some experience in an office setting related to my commerce course, Mr. Beatty gave me that opportunity. Everybody in the office and in the plant was great to me, although I never did find that bucket of blue steam!

My Dad was proud of the Beardmore leather products that he helped make. The house I grew up in was a Beardmore owned house that was sold to my parents on pretty reason-

able terms. To be sure, it was not a perfect world - Acton was a company-controlled town, but it was a town where you knew everyone and where the son of a tannery worker could get advice and encouragement from the highest executive.

As stated in the article, we are very proud to carry on the tradition of this historical name. Wherever possible we utilize as many of the original Beardmore Tannery's historical photographs and print material

as we can in our displays and promotional material. Therefore, if any of your readers have Beardmore memorabilia, we would be very interested in borrowing print material/photographs that we could photocopy for our historical collection. Please call 519-853-4343 X231 for further information.

Thank you again for your support of another Acton business.

Yours sincerely,  
Fred Dawkins

## Sheena Butler embraces Queen of the Furrow role

The Queen is here! Twenty-one year-old Sheena Butler of Limehouse, has been crowned Queen of the Furrow by the Halton Plowman's Association recently in Milton.

Butler, a third year Kinesiology and Health Sciences student at Queens University has embraced her new role as the Fair Ambassador for the Halton Plowman's Association.

The title affords her the opportunity to travel throughout Ontario and promote the Association

and the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show, to be held next year in Lanark County where she will be able to compete for the title of Queen of the Furrow for Ontario.

The last Halton representative to win the title was Lynne Stewart in 1977.

The Ontario Plowman's Association (OPA) was formed on January 6, 1911, to advance the interest of agriculture. From the formation of this governing body branches of the or-



ACTON ARTIST: Jennifer Osborn has lent her talents to the United Way of Halton Hills with this painting which she presents to Dean Haughie of the United Way for the organization's auction this week. -Francis Niblock photo

## Eves government moving to 'left'

Dear Editor,

The fact that the Eves government is moving to the left in order to catch more votes in the next provincial election has been confirmed by the Health Care initiative put forward by Ontario Health Minister Tony Clement.

He is proposing a more socialized system of health care where:

1. Physicians are going to "Choose" to switch to a salary basis. Quality physicians of course may choose to go and practice in the U.S. instead.

2. Under the government's plan, more money is going to be spent. In the words of the minister, "incentives" need to be put in place for doctors to be

convinced of switching to the new approach (Family HealthNetwork). The minister forgets that "incentives" provided by government to government employees are not normally governed by the free market, but by the reasoning of some administrative bureaucrat. This has been shown to lead to waste of taxpayer's money.

3. The Liberal and NDP opposition agree with the direction of the government. Former NDP health minister Ruth Greer said: "I hope it works".

The Family Coalition Party of Ontario (Ontario Coalition) would use an approach, based on Medical Savings Accounts (MSA), which would not deprive Ontario of its best

physicians and would introduce the real competition to provide universal and excellent health care service.

In addition to MSA accounts, the Ontario Coalition would introduce a system of universal insurance where we, the users of the system, would be able to choose the best insurance for each person, above the standards set by government.

The system proposed by the Ontario Coalition would also, as a side effect, create incentives for young people to save, when they are young and healthy, and invest for their retirement (See [www.OntarioCoalition.com](http://www.OntarioCoalition.com))

G iuseppe Gori,  
Leader, Family Coalition Party of Ontario  
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Please note that the FLU CLINIC date is now October 24 from 11:00am-3:00pm.

You are reminded that the Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, November 23, 2002 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Get your crafts on the go!

Bid Euchre on September 5, 2002, had the following Mooners: Muriel Dzierla and Eleanor Robinson.

The next Casino Rama trip is on Wednesday, September 25, 2002. Call Ruth Burke at 519-853-5124 for your seat on the bus.

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BY OWEN COULTRUP

Have you heard of the Irish Rovers? They will be giving a show on November 29, 2002. More details will be given later.

Here are some highlights of our next trip. "Tour of the Festival of Christmas Lights" on Dec. 5-6, 2002. There will be one night Deluxe Accom-

modation at "Sheraton on the Falls", Niagara. Your reservation will get you a \$10.00 gift voucher for the hotel for Casino Niagara, a Fallsview dinner buffet, and a Fallsview breakfast buffet. On the day of arrival you will attend a show called "Moments to Remember" presented by Spirit Song & Liuna Gardens, with a touch of Christmas added, and a full turkey lunch. Cost is \$193.00 per person, double occupancy.

On Tuesday, October 22, 2002, Geri Fashions will present a display at the Centre between 11:00am and 3:00pm. A Fashion Show will be staged at 1:00pm.

Gord Chapman has agreed to teach classes on Bridge. Sign-up sheets are at the desk in the Centre. Please come and join up.

We need candidates for our choir. Practices will be held on Fridays at 10:30am. Start date will be September 27, 2002.

Yoga lessons will be given on Thursday mornings by Natalie Gillies. Start date will be September 19, 2002.

On September 23, 2002 at 1pm there will be a workshop/presentation on Herbal Remedies and Prescription Drugs by Kathy Millar, Public Health Nurse for the Region of Halton.



REIGNING GLORY: Sheena Butler, 21, is the 2002/03 reigning Queen of the Furrow. -Danielle McIsaac photo

ganization grew all over the province. The Halton Plowman's Association will be celebrating its 75th anniversary next year along with the OPA's 90th anniversary.

Celebrations will be held in Elora, and will feature horse competitions, antique tractors and conservation plowing matches.

Further information about the plowing matches or Queen of the Furrow can be obtained by visiting [www.plowingmatch.org](http://www.plowingmatch.org).